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In re application of: Shamim A. Alpha)
) Examiner: Te Y Chen
Application No.: 09/885,356)
) Art Unit: 2171
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For: Method and System for Response)
Time Optimization of Data Query)
Rankings and Retrieval)
Attorney Docket: 27252.1) March 10, 2004

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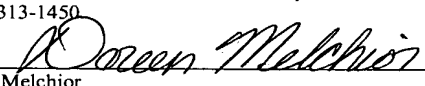
Dear Sir:

This response is provided in reply to the Office Action of **December 17, 2003**. There are no amendments to the above-identified application.

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